Please amend claim 16 as follows:

1   16.   (amended) The method as claimed in [one of] claim[s] 11 [to 14], in which

2 [an] said item of data which belongs to an alternating algorithm is impressed successively

3 into [the] said layers.

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

1   17.   (amended) The method as claimed in [one of] claim[s] 11 [to 16], in which the

2 results during [the] said detection of a possible information change for each layer are

3 intermediately stored, at least temporarily, in a storage device.
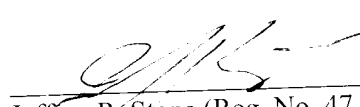
Remarks

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to conform to United States Patent and Trademark Office practice and not for the purpose of patentability. No new matter has been added by way of this Preliminary Amendment.

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